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# **U.S. District Court [LIVE]** Western District of Texas (Austin) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:16-cv-00233-LY

Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc. v. Abbott et al

Assigned to: Judge Lee Yeakel

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Case in other court: USCA/5th Circuit, 18-50610

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Cause: 28:2201 Declaratory Judgment

Date Filed: 02/25/2016 Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 440 Civil Rights: Other

Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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02/25/2016	1	COMPLAINT (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0542-8233715), filed by Daniel H Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet)(Byrne, Daniel) (Entered: 02/25/2016)
02/25/2016	2	REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS by Daniel H Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Byrne, Daniel) (Entered: 02/25/2016)
02/25/2016		Case Assigned to Judge Sam Sparks. CM WILL NOW REFLECT THE JUDGE INITIALS AS PART OF THE CASE NUMBER. PLEASE APPEND THESE JUDGE INITIALS TO THE CASE NUMBER ON EACH DOCUMENT THAT YOU FILE IN THIS CASE. (so) (Entered: 02/25/2016)
02/25/2016	3	Summons Issued as to Greg Abbott and John Sneed. (so) (Entered: 02/25/2016)
02/25/2016	4	Letter to Patrick Elliot, Richard Bolton and Sam Grover re: non admittance into the Western District of Texas. (so) (Entered: 02/25/2016)
03/01/2016	5	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc All Defendants. (Byrne, Daniel) (Entered: 03/01/2016)
03/08/2016	6	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re 1 Complaint by Greg Abbott, John Sneed. (Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 03/08/2016)
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		Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint by Greg Abbott, John Sneed. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order)(Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 03/08/2016)
03/10/2016	8	NOTICE of Attorney Appearance by Rich Bolton on behalf of Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc Attorney Rich Bolton added to party Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc.(pty:pla) (Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 03/10/2016)
03/14/2016	9	ORDER GRANTING 7 Motion for Extension of Time to Answer; Greg Abbott answer due 4/1/2016; John Sneed answer due 4/1/2016. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (ml) (Entered: 03/14/2016)
04/01/2016	10	MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction and Failure to State a Claim by Greg Abbott, John Sneed. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A, # 2 Exhibit B, # 3 Proposed Order)(Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 04/01/2016)
04/06/2016	11	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to 10 MOTION to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction and Failure to State a Claim by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order) (Byrne, Daniel) (Entered: 04/06/2016)
04/07/2016	12	ORDER GRANTING Plaintiff's Unopposed 11 Motion for Extension of Time to File Response to Defendants' 10 Motion to Dismiss. Response is due 04/29/16. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (klw) (Entered: 04/08/2016)
04/29/2016	13	Unopposed MOTION for Leave to File First Amended Complaint by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A, # 2 Proposed Order)(Byrne, Daniel) (Entered: 04/29/2016)
05/03/2016	14	ORDER DISMISSING <u>10</u> Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction; GRANTING <u>13</u> Motion for Leave to File First Amended Complaint. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (ml) (Entered: 05/04/2016)
05/03/2016	<u>15</u>	FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT against Greg Abbott, John Sneed amending 1 Complaint, filed by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc.(ml) (Entered: 05/04/2016)
05/10/2016	16	Order for Scheduling Recommendations/Proposed Scheduling Order due by 6/17/2016. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (klw) (Entered: 05/10/2016)
05/13/2016	17	Motion to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim <i>Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint</i> by Greg Abbott, John Sneed. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order) (Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 05/13/2016)
05/31/2016	18	Unopposed MOTION for Leave to Exceed Page Limitation for Plaintiff's Brief Opposing Motion to Dismiss by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Attachments: # 1 Brief Plaintiff's Brief Opposing Motion to Dismiss, # 2 Proposed Order)(Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 05/31/2016)
06/01/2016		Text Order GRANTING <u>18</u> Motion for Leave to File Excess Pages entered by Judge Sam Sparks. (This is a text-only entry generated by the court. There is no document associated with this entry.) (ldm) (Entered: 06/01/2016)
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	1 1	Plaintiff's Response in Opposition to Sneed and Abbott's <u>17</u> Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint for Failure to State a Claim.(klw) (Entered: 06/01/2016)
06/02/2016	"	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to 19 Response in Opposition to Motion <i>to Dismiss</i> by Greg Abbott, John Sneed. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 06/02/2016)
06/03/2016	21	ORDER GRANTING Defendants' Unopposed <u>20</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply in Support of their Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint in the above-captioned cause is now June 22, 2016. The Court further ORDERS that, if necessary, Defendants may exceed the 10-page limit on that Reply by up to nine pages, for a total not to exceed 19 pages. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (klw) (Entered: 06/03/2016)
06/10/2016	22	Scheduling Recommendations <i>Proposed Joint Discovery Control Plan</i> by Greg Abbott, John Sneed. (Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 06/10/2016)
06/13/2016	23	ORDER Setting Hearing on 17 Motion to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim <i>Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint</i> : Motion Hearing set for 6/20/2016 02:00 PM before Judge Sam Sparks. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (ml) (Entered: 06/13/2016)
06/16/2016	24	Proposed Pretrial Order <i>Scheduling Order</i> by Greg Abbott, John Sneed. (Mackin, Anne) (Main Document 24 replaced on 6/17/2016) (klw). (Entered: 06/16/2016)
06/16/2016	25	NON-CONSENT to Trial by US Magistrate Judge by Greg Abbott, John Sneed. (Mackin, Anne) (Main Document 25 replaced on 6/17/2016) (klw). (Entered: 06/16/2016)
06/17/2016	26	NON-CONSENT to Trial by US Magistrate Judge by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Byrne, Daniel) (Entered: 06/17/2016)
06/20/2016	27	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Sam Sparks: Motion Hearing held on 6/20/2016 re 17 Motion to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim <i>Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint</i> filed by John Sneed, Greg Abbott. Written Order forthcoming. (Minute entry documents are not available electronically.). (Court Reporter Lily Reznik.)(klw) (Entered: 06/20/2016)
06/21/2016	28	ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART Defendants' 17 Motion to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim. GRANTED IN PART as to Plaintiff's <i>individual capacity</i> claims against Defendant John Sneed, who is protected by qualified immunity, and DENIED IN PART as to Plaintiff's claims againstDefendant Greg Abbott. ORDER that each party shall have until 08/19/16 to file a motion for summary judgment and thereafter until 09/19/16 to respond to the opposing party's motion for summary judgment. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (klw) (Entered: 06/21/2016)
07/05/2016	29	ANSWER to 15 Amended Complaint by Greg Abbott, John Sneed.(Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 07/05/2016)
08/19/2016	30	Unopposed MOTION for Leave to Exceed Page Limitation <i>Plaintiff's Motion</i> for Summary Judgment and Supporting Brief by Freedom From Religion

		Foundation, Inc (Attachments: # 1 Brief Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment and Supporting Brief, # 2 Affidavit Declaration of Sam Grover, # 3 Exhibit Exhibits to Declaration of Sam Grover Part 1 of 2, # 4 Exhibit Exhibits to Declaration of Sam Grover Part 2 of 2, # 5 Proposed Order Proposed Order Granting Motion for Exceed Page Limit)(Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 08/19/2016)
08/19/2016	31	MOTION for Summary Judgment by Greg Abbott, John Sneed. (Attachments: # 1 Appendix Part 1, # 2 Appendix Part 2)(Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 08/19/2016)
08/24/2016	32	ORDER GRANTING Plaintiff's <u>30</u> Motion for Leave to File Excess Pages in filing their Motion for Summary Judgment. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (klw) (Entered: 08/25/2016)
08/24/2016	33	MOTION for Summary Judgment by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Sam Grover, # 2 Exhibits, # 3 Exhibits)(klw) (Entered: 08/25/2016)
09/16/2016	<u>34</u>	NOTICE Attorney Vacation Letter by Greg Abbott, John Sneed (Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 09/16/2016)
09/19/2016	35	Response in Opposition to Motion, filed by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc., re 31 MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by Defendant John Sneed, Defendant Greg Abbott (Attachments: # 1 Affidavit Declaration of Richard L. Bolton, # 2 Exhibit 1 - to Declaration for Richard L. Bolton, # 3 Exhibit 2 - to Declaration for Richard L. Bolton, # 4 Exhibit 3 - to Declaration for Richard L. Bolton, # 5 Exhibit 4 - to Declaration for Richard L. Bolton, # 6 Exhibit 5 - to Declaration for Richard L. Bolton, (Entered: 09/19/2016)
09/19/2016	36	Memorandum in Opposition to Motion, filed by Greg Abbott, John Sneed, re 33 MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by Plaintiff Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc. (Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 09/19/2016)
11/23/2016	37	NOTICE of Recent Supplemental Authority by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc. re 33 MOTION for Summary Judgment, 35 Response in Opposition to Motion,, (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A - Draego Decision) (Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 11/23/2016)
12/20/2016	38	ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART Defendants' 31 Motion for Summary Judgment; DENYING Plaintiff's 33 Motion for Summary Judgment. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (klw) (Entered: 12/20/2016)
12/28/2016	39	SCHEDULING ORDER: Consent to Trial by Magistrate due by 5/26/2017; Docket Call set for 9/28/2018 at 11:00 AM before Judge Sam Sparks; ADR Report Deadline due by 2/27/2017; Amended Pleadings and Joinder of Partics due by 4/27/2017; Discovery due by 5/26/2017; Motions due by 7/27/2017. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (jf) (Entered: 12/28/2016)
02/27/2017	40	ADR Report Filed - <i>Joint ADR Report</i> by Greg Abbott, John Sneed(Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 02/27/2017)
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		Opposed MOTION for Protective Order by Greg Abbott. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A, # 2 Exhibit B, # 3 Exhibit C, # 4 Exhibit D, # 5 Proposed Order Granting Motion)(Colmenero, Angela) (Entered: 04/17/2017)
04/20/2017	42	MOTION to Quash and Motion for Protective Order by John Sneed. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A Sneed Subpoena, # 2 Exhibit B Davis Depo Notice, # 3 Exhibit C Bolton email, # 4 Proposed Order)(Mackin, Anne). Added MOTION for Protective Order on 4/20/2017 (klw). (Entered: 04/20/2017)
04/24/2017	43	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to 41 Opposed MOTION for Protective Order by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Byrne, Daniel) (Entered: 04/24/2017)
04/24/2017	44	CORRECTED MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to 41 Opposed MOTION for Protective Order , 43 Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to 41 Opposed MOTION for Protective Order by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Byrne, Daniel) (Entered: 04/24/2017)
04/27/2017	45	MOTION for Leave to Exceed Page Limitation by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Attachments: # 1 Brief Plaintiff's Combined Brief In Opposition to Motion for Protective Orders, # 2 Affidavit Declaration of Richard L. Bolton, # 3 Exhibit Exhibit 1 to Declaration of Richard Bolton, # 4 Exhibit Exhibit 2 to Declaration of Richard Bolton, # 5 Exhibit Exhibit 3 to Declaration of Richard Bolton, # 6 Exhibit Exhibit 4 to Declaration of Richard Bolton, # 7 Exhibit Exhibit 5 to Declaration of Richard Bolton, # 8 Exhibit Exhibit 6 to Declaration of Richard Bolton, # 9 Exhibit Exhibit 7 to Declaration of Richard Bolton, # 10 Exhibit Exhibit 8 to Declaration of Richard Bolton, # 11 Exhibit Exhibit 9 to Declaration of Richard Bolton, # 12 Exhibit Exhibit 10 to Declaration of Richard Bolton)(Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 04/27/2017)
04/28/2017	46	DEFICIENCY NOTICE to Rich Bolton: re 45 MOTION for Leave to Exceed Page Limitation. Proposed Orders are Required when a non-dispositive Motion is filed. DO NOT RE-FILE the entire document. Please, file ONLY the Proposed Order. Use the "ATTACHMENT" event from the menu and LINK the Proposed Order to your Motion. In the Docket Text, type "(Proposed Order)". (klw) (Entered: 04/28/2017)
04/28/2017	47	ATTACHMENT <i>Proposed Order</i> to <u>45</u> MOTION for Leave to Exceed Page Limitation by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 04/28/2017)
04/28/2017	48	Opposed MOTION to Extend Scheduling Order Deadlines by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Byrne, Daniel) (Entered: 04/28/2017)
04/28/2017	49	MOTION for Judgment on the Pleadings by Greg Abbott. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Colmenero, Angela) (Entered: 04/28/2017)
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		ORDER GRANTING Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc' 45 Motion for Leave to File Excess Pages in filing their Plaintiff's Combined Brief in Oppostion of Defendants' to Motions for Protective Order. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (klw) (Entered: 05/01/2017)
05/01/2017	<u>51</u>	Response in Opposition to Motion, filed by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc., to Defendants' 42 MOTION to Quash and Motion for Protective Order and 41 Opposed MOTION for Protective Order. (klw) (Entered: 05/01/2017)
05/01/2017	<u>52</u>	REPLY to Freedom from Religion Foundation, Inc's <u>51</u> Response in Opposition to Defendants' <u>42</u> Motion to Quash, filed by Greg Abbott (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C)(Colmenero, Angela) Modified on 5/2/2017 to correct text (klw). (Entered: 05/01/2017)
05/02/2017	53	REPLY to Response to Motion, filed by John Sneed, re <u>51</u> Response in Opposition to Defendants' <u>42</u> Motion to Quash (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A) (Mackin, Anne) Modified on 5/3/2017 to correct text and document relationship (klw). (Entered: 05/02/2017)
05/03/2017		Notice of Correction: re <u>52</u> Reply to Response to Motion, <u>53</u> Reply to Response to Motion. Clerk notes both entries have been modified to link the Replies to the correct document. Filers incorrectly filed Reply to the "Motion for Leave to File" (dkt <u>45</u> ) instead of the "Motion to Quash" (dkt <u>42</u> ). (klw) Modified on 5/3/2017 (klw). (Entered: 05/03/2017)
05/05/2017	54	RESPONSE to Motion, filed by Greg Abbott, re <u>48</u> Opposed MOTION to Extend Scheduling Order Deadlines filed by Plaintiff Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Proposed Order)(Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 05/05/2017)
05/10/2017	55	REPLY in Support, filed by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc., re <u>48</u> Opposed MOTION to Extend Scheduling Order Deadlines filed by Plaintiff Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc. (Bolton, Rich) Modified on 5/11/2017 to modify text (klw). (Entered: 05/10/2017)
05/12/2017	56	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>49</u> MOTION for Judgment on the Pleadings by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order)(Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 05/12/2017)
05/15/2017	57	ORDER setting All Pending Matters Hearing for 6/6/2017 09:00 AM before Judge Sam Sparks. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (klw) (Entered: 05/15/2017)
05/15/2017	58	(RESPONSE) BRIEF to Defendants' 48 Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Dragco Decision)(Bolton, Rich) Modified on 5/16/2017 to clarify text, create relationship link and link response to motion. (klw). (Entered: 05/15/2017)
05/16/2017		Notice of Correction: re <u>58</u> Brief: Text has been modified to indicate that the filing is a response to the Defendant's motion. The motion link has been added to the text. A document relationship has been created. The correct event type to

		use for these pleadings is RESPONSE TO MOTION. (klw) (Entered: 05/16/2017)
05/22/2017	<u>59</u>	REPLY to Response to Motion, filed by Greg Abbott, re 49 MOTION for Judgment on the Pleadings filed by Defendant Greg Abbott (Colmenero, Angela) (Entered: 05/22/2017)
05/26/2017	<u>60</u>	NOTICE Concerning Reference to U.S. Magistrate Judge by Greg Abbott (Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 05/26/2017)
06/03/2017	61	NOTICE of Attorney Appearance by Arthur C. D'Andrea on behalf of Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh. Attorney Arthur C. D'Andrea added to party Greg Abbott (pty:dft), Attorney Arthur C. D'Andrea added to party Rod Welsh(pty:dft) (D'Andrea, Arthur) (Entered: 06/03/2017)
06/06/2017	62	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Sam Sparks: Motion Hearing held on 6/6/2017 re: 41 Opposed Motion for Protective Order; 42 Motion to Quash and for Protective Order; 43 Motion for Extension of Time; 44 Corrected Motion for Extension of Time; 48 Opposed Motion to Extend Scheduling Order; 49 Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings; 56 Motion for Extension of Time. Statement and arguments heard. Written Order to follow. (Minute entry documents are not available electronically.). (Court Reporter Lily Reznik.)(klw) (Entered: 06/06/2017)
06/06/2017	63	ORDER DENYING IN PART Sneed's 42 Motion to Quash and Motion for Protective Order; GRANTING Plaintiff's 48 Motion to Extend Scheduling Order Deadlines; DISMISSING as MOOT Plaintiff's 43 Motion for Extension of Time to File Response; DISMISSING as MOOT Plaintiff's 44 Corrected Motion for Extension of Time to File Response; DISMISSING as MOOT Plaintiff's 56 Motion for Extension of Time to File Response. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (klw) (Entered: 06/07/2017)
07/12/2017	64	NOTICE Letter Brief by Greg Abbott, John Sneed, Rod Welsh (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A, # 2 Exhibit B)(Colmenero, Angela) (Entered: 07/12/2017)
07/27/2017	65	MOTION for Summary Judgment by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Attachments: # 1 Appendix to Motion for Summary Judgment)(Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 07/27/2017)
07/27/2017	66	Second MOTION for Summary Judgment by Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh. (Attachments: # 1 Appendix)(Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 07/27/2017)
07/31/2017	67	Transcript filed of Proceedings held on June 6, 2017, Proceedings Transcribed: Motion Hearing. Court Reporter/Transcriber: Lily I. Reznik, Telephone number: 512-391-8792 or Lily_Reznik@txwd.uscourts.gov. Parties are notified of their duty to review the transcript to ensure compliance with the FRCP 5.2 (a)/FRCrP 49.1(a). A copy may be purchased from the court reporter or viewed at the clerk's office public terminal. If redaction is necessary, a Notice of Redaction Request must be filed within 21 days. If no such Notice is filed, the transcript will be made available via PACER without redaction after 90 calendar days. The clerk will mail a copy of this notice to parties not electronically noticed Redaction Request due 8/21/2017, Redacted Transcript

		Deadline set for 8/31/2017, Release of Transcript Restriction set for 10/30/2017, (Reznik, Lily) (Entered: 07/31/2017)
08/09/2017	68	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>66</u> Second MOTION for Summary Judgment, <u>65</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order)(Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 08/09/2017)
08/10/2017	<u>69</u>	Response in Opposition to Motion, filed by Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh, re 65 MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by Plaintiff Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc. (Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 08/10/2017)
08/11/2017	70	ORDER GRANTING <u>68</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (jf) (Entered: 08/11/2017)
08/11/2017	71	Response in Opposition to Motion, filed by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc., re <u>66</u> Second MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by Defendant Rod Welsh, Defendant Greg Abbott (Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 08/11/2017)
08/17/2017	72	RESPONSE in Support, filed by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc., re 65 MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by Plaintiff Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc. (Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 08/17/2017)
08/18/2017	73	REPLY to Response to Motion, filed by Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh, re <u>66</u> Second MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by Defendant Rod Welsh, Defendant Greg Abbott (Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 08/18/2017)
10/13/2017	74	ORDER GRANTING <u>41</u> Motion for Protective Order; GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART <u>49</u> Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings; GRANTING <u>65</u> Motion for Summary Judgment; GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART <u>66</u> Motion for Summary Judgment. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (ml) (Entered: 10/13/2017)
10/24/2017	<u>75</u>	Appeal of Order entered by District Judge <u>74</u> by Greg Abbott. (Filing fee \$ 505 receipt number 0542-10107823) (Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 10/24/2017)
10/24/2017		NOTICE OF INTERLOCUTORY APPEAL as to 74 Order on Motion for Protective Order,, Order on Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings, Order on Motion for Summary Judgment by Greg Abbott. Filing fee \$ 505, receipt number 0542-10107823. Per 5th Circuit rules, the appellant has 14 days, from the filing of the Notice of Appeal, to order the transcript. To order a transcript, the appellant should fill out Form DKT-13 (Transcript Order) and follow the instructions set out on the form. This form is available in the Clerk's Office or by clicking the hyperlink above. (klw) (Entered: 10/24/2017)
11/03/2017	76	NOTICE -Transcript Order Form by Greg Abbott (Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 11/03/2017)
11/30/2017	77	Transcript filed of Proceedings held on June 20, 2016, Proceedings Transcribed: Motion Hearing. Court Reporter/Transcriber: Lily I. Reznik, Telephone number: 512-391-8792 or Lily_Reznik@txwd.uscourts.gov. Parties are notified of their duty to review the transcript to ensure compliance with the FRCP 5.2(a)/FRCrP 49.1(a). A copy may be purchased from the court reporter

	5	or viewed at the clerk's office public terminal. If redaction is necessary, a Notice of Redaction Request must be filed within 21 days. If no such Notice is filed, the transcript will be made available via PACER without redaction after 90 calendar days. The clerk will mail a copy of this notice to parties not electronically noticed Redaction Request due 12/21/2017, Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 1/2/2018, Release of Transcript Restriction set for 2/28/2018, Appeal Record due by 12/15/2017, (Reznik, Lily) (Main Document 77 replaced on 11/30/2017) (klw). Modified on 11/30/2017 per court reporter (klw). (Entered: 11/30/2017)
12/12/2017		Certification of the Electronic Record on Appeal has been accepted by the 5th Circuit re Notice of Appeal - Interlocutory. Attorneys are advised that they may now download the EROA from the Fifth Circuit CM/ECF site by following these instructions <a href="here">here</a> (klw) (There are no physical exhibits related to this appeal.) (Entered: 12/12/2017)
03/02/2018	<u>78</u>	MOTION for Entry of Judgment by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 03/02/2018)
03/14/2018	<u>79</u>	RESPONSE to Motion, filed by Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh, re <u>78</u> MOTION for Entry of Judgment filed by Plaintiff Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc. (Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 03/14/2018)
03/14/2018	80	Certified copy of USCA JUDGMENT/MANDATE regarding 75 Notice of Appeal (E-Filed) filed by Greg Abbott. Under FED. R. APP. P. 42(b), the appeal is dismissed as of March 14, 2018, pursuant to the joint motion of the parties (dl) (Entered: 03/15/2018)
03/21/2018	81	REPLY to Response to Motion, filed by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc., re <u>78</u> MOTION <i>for Entry of Judgment</i> filed by Plaintiff Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc. (Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 03/21/2018)
03/27/2018	<u>82</u>	ORDER setting Telephone Conference for 4/6/2018 11:00 AM before Judge Sam Sparks. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (klw) (Entered: 03/27/2018)
04/06/2018	83	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Sam Sparks: Status Conference held on 4/6/2018. Written Order to follow. (Minute entry documents are not available electronically.). (Court Reporter Lily Reznik.) (klw) (Entered: 04/06/2018)
04/09/2018	84	ORDER DENYING FFRF's 78 Motion for Entry of Judgment. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (klw) (Entered: 04/10/2018)
05/11/2018	<u>85</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order Proposed Order)(Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 05/11/2018)
05/14/2018	86	ORDER DISMISSING with prejudice Plaintiff's Establishment Clause claim against Governor Abbott and Executive Director Welsh in their official capacities, and Plaintiff's freedom of speech claim against Governor Abbott in his individualcapacity. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (lt) (Entered: 05/15/2018)
06/19/2018	<u>87</u>	FINAL JUDGMENT. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (td) (Entered: 06/20/2018)

07/03/2018	88	Opposed MOTION for Attorney Fees by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A, # 2 Exhibit B, # 3 Exhibit C, # 4 Exhibit D, # 5 Proposed Order Proposed Order)(Byrne, Daniel) (Entered: 07/03/2018)
07/03/2018	89	BILL OF COSTS by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Itemization of Fees and Expenses for Bill of Costs)(Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 07/03/2018)
07/03/2018	90	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Response to Fee Motion</i> by Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 07/03/2018)
07/06/2018	91	ORDER GRANTING <u>90</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Response, due on or before 7/28/2018. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (td) (Entered: 07/06/2018)
07/13/2018	92	Appeal of Final Judgment <u>87</u> by Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh. (Filing fee \$ 505 receipt number 0542-11008752) (Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 07/13/2018)
07/13/2018		NOTICE OF APPEAL following 92 Notice of Appeal (E-Filed) by Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh. Filing fee \$ 505, receipt number 0542-11008752. Per 5th Circuit rules, the appellant has 14 days, from the filing of the Notice of Appeal, to order the transcript. To order a transcript, the appellant should fill out Form DKT-13 (Transcript Order) and follow the instructions set out on the form. This form is available in the Clerk's Office or by clicking the hyperlink above. (dl) (Entered: 07/25/2018)
07/24/2018	93	Joint MOTION to Stay <i>Rule 54(D) Deadlines</i> by Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 07/24/2018)
07/26/2018	94	Cross Appeal of Final Judgment <u>84</u> , <u>38</u> by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc No filing fee submitted (Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 07/26/2018)
07/26/2018	95	ORDER GRANTING <u>93</u> Motion to Stay Rule 54(D) Deadlines. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (dl) (Entered: 07/26/2018)
07/26/2018		NOTICE OF CROSS APPEAL by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc NO FILING FEE SUBMITTED. Per 5th Circuit rules, the appellant has 14 days, from the filing of the Notice of Appeal, to order the transcript. To order a transcript, the appellant should fill out <a href="Form DKT-13">Form DKT-13</a> (Transcript Order) and follow the instructions set out on the form. This form is available in the Clerk's Office or by clicking the hyperlink above. (dl) (Entered: 07/26/2018)
07/31/2018	96	TRANSCRIPT REQUEST by Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh for dates of 6/20/2016, 6/6/2017, 4/6/2018. Proceedings Transcribed: Motion to Dismiss, Motion to Quash, Status Conference. Court Reporter: Lily Reznik (Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 07/31/2018)
08/01/2018	97	Transcript filed of Proceedings held on April 6, 2018, Proceedings Transcribed: Status Conference. Court Reporter/Transcriber: Lily I. Reznik, Telephone number: 512-391-8792 or Lily_Reznik@txwd.uscourts.gov. Parties are notified of their duty to review the transcript to ensure compliance with the FRCP 5.2(a)/FRCrP 49.1(a). A copy may be purchased from the court reporter or viewed at the clerk's office public terminal. If redaction is necessary, a

		Notice of Redaction Request must be filed within 21 days. If no such Notice is filed, the transcript will be made available via PACER without redaction after 90 calendar days. The clerk will mail a copy of this notice to parties not electronically noticed Redaction Request due 8/22/2018, Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 9/3/2018, Release of Transcript Restriction set for 10/30/2018, Appeal Record due by 8/16/2018, (Reznik, Lily) (Entered: 08/01/2018)
08/13/2018	98	ORDER DISMISSING <u>88</u> Motion for Attorney Fees WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO REFILING AFTER THE APPEALS PROCESS HAS CONCLUDED. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (dl) (Entered: 08/14/2018)
08/14/2018	99	USCA Appeal Fees received \$ 505 receipt number 100033785 re Notice of Appeal, filed by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc. (dl) (Entered: 08/16/2018)
10/24/2018	100	NOTICE of Attorney Appearance by Benjamin S. Walton on behalf of Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh. Attorney Benjamin S. Walton added to party Greg Abbott (pty:dft), Attorney Benjamin S. Walton added to party Rod Welsh(pty:dft) (Walton, Benjamin) (Entered: 10/24/2018)
10/24/2018	101	Unopposed MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney by Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 10/24/2018)
10/31/2018	102	ORDER GRANTING 101 Motion to Withdraw as Attorney for Anne Marie Mackin. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (dl) (Entered: 10/31/2018)
06/01/2020	103	Certified copy of USCA JUDGMENT issued as the MANDATE vacating and reversing the judgment of the District Court and remanding to the District Court for further proceedings in accordance with the opinion of the Court. (lt) (Entered: 06/01/2020)
06/03/2020	104	NOTICE of Attorney Appearance by Anne Marie Mackin on behalf of Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh (Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 06/03/2020)
06/16/2020	105	ORDER that the parties shall have twenty (20) days in which to submit briefing on the two issues remanded to this Court by the Fifth Circuit. FURTHER ORDER that the parties shall have ten (10) days in which to file a response to their opponents' respective briefing. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (lt) (Entered: 06/16/2020)
07/01/2020	106	Joint MOTION to Extend Scheduling Order Deadlines by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 07/01/2020)
07/01/2020	107	DEFICIENCY NOTICE: re 106 Joint MOTION to Extend Scheduling Order Deadlines (lt) (Entered: 07/01/2020)
07/01/2020	108	ATTACHMENT <i>Proposed Order</i> to <u>106</u> Joint MOTION to Extend Scheduling Order Deadlines by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 07/01/2020)
07/02/2020	109	ORDER GRANTING the Parties' 106 Joint Unopposed Motion to Extend Time. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (lt) (Entered: 07/02/2020)
07/09/2020	110	BRIEF by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A - Proposed Final Judgment)(Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 07/09/2020)

07/09/2020	111	BRIEF by Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Attachment 1, a 2 Exhibit Attachment 2, # 3 Proposed Order Attachment 3)(Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 07/09/2020)
07/15/2020	112	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply <i>and Proposed Order</i> by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 07/15/2020)
07/15/2020	113	ATTACHMENT <i>Proposed Order</i> to <u>112</u> Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply <i>and Proposed Order</i> by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 07/15/2020)
07/16/2020	114	ORDER GRANTING the Parties' 112 Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Response briefs. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (lt) (Entered: 07/16/2020)
07/22/2020	115	BRIEF regarding 110 Brief by Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh. (Walton, Benjamin) (Entered: 07/22/2020)
07/22/2020	116	BRIEF regarding 111 Brief by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc. (Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 07/22/2020)
07/22/2020	117	SUPPLEMENT Declaration of Richard L. Bolton to 116 Brief by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A to Declaration of Richard L. Bolton, # 2 Exhibit B to Declaration of Richard L. Bolton, # 3 Exhibit C to Declaration of Richard L. Bolton, # 4 Exhibit D to Declaration of Richard L. Bolton)(Bolton, Rich) Modified on 7/23/2020 (lt). (Entered: 07/22/2020)
08/27/2020	118	ORDER REASSIGNING CASE. Case reassigned to Judge Lee Yeakel for all proceedings. Judge Sam Sparks no longer assigned to case. Signed by Judge Sam Sparks. (klw) (Entered: 08/27/2020)
09/11/2020	119	ORDER SETTING Telephone Conference for 9/18/2020 at 01:00 PM before Judge Lee Yeakel. Signed by Judge Lee Yeakel. (jv2) (Entered: 09/11/2020)
09/18/2020	120	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Lee Yeakel: Telephone Conference held on 9/18/2020. Written order forthcoming. (Minute entry documents are not available electronically.) (Court Reporter Arlinda Rodriguez.)(lt) (Entered: 09/18/2020)
11/25/2020	121	Unopposed MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney <i>Anne Mackin</i> by Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Mackin, Anne) (Entered: 11/25/2020)
11/30/2020	122	ORDER GRANTING 121 Anne Marie Mackin's Motion to Withdraw as Attorney. Signed by Judge Lee Yeakel. (jv2) (Entered: 11/30/2020)
03/09/2021	123	ORDER that the parties file supplemental briefs on or before March 26, 2021. Signed by Judge Lee Yeakel. (jv2) (Entered: 03/09/2021)
03/26/2021	124	BRIEF regarding 123 Order by Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh. (Walton, Benjamin) (Entered: 03/26/2021)
03/26/2021	125	

		BRIEF regarding 123 Order by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Exhibit 1, # 2 Exhibit Exhibit 2, # 3 Exhibit Exhibit 3)(Grover, Samuel) (Entered: 03/26/2021)
05/05/2021	126	MEMORANDUM AND ORDER AFTER REMAND. Signed by Judge Lec Yeakel. (jv2) Modified on 5/28/2021 (jv2). (Entered: 05/05/2021)
05/05/2021	127	FINAL JUDGMENT. Signed by Judge Lee Yeakel. (jv2) (Entered: 05/05/2021)
05/17/2021	128	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Fee Petition</i> by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order Proposed Order)(Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 05/17/2021)
05/18/2021	129	BILL OF COSTS by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 05/18/2021)
05/18/2021	130	ORDER GRANTING Plaintiff's Unopposed 128 Motion for Extension of Time to File Motion for Fees and Expenses, now due 06/18/2021. Signed by Judge Lee Yeakel. (jv2) (Entered: 05/18/2021)
05/27/2021	131	Appeal of Final Judgment 126, 127 by Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh. No filing fee submitted (Walton, Benjamin) (Entered: 05/27/2021)
05/27/2021		NOTICE OF APPEAL following 131 Notice of Appeal (E-Filed) by Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh. FILING FEE PAID. Per 5th Circuit rules, the appellant has 14 days, from the filing of the Notice of Appeal, to order the transcript. To order a transcript, the appellant should fill out a (Transcript Order) and follow the instructions set out on the form. This form is available in the Clerk's Office or by clicking the hyperlink above. (jv2) Modified on 6/14/2021 (jv2). (Entered: 05/28/2021)
05/28/2021	132	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Objections to Bill of Costs</i> by Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Walton, Benjamin) (Entered: 05/28/2021)
06/01/2021	133	ORDER GRANTING Defendants' Unopposed 132 Motion for Extension of Time to File Objections to Bill of Costs. Signed by Judge Lee Yeakel. (jv2) (Entered: 06/01/2021)
06/08/2021	134	TRANSCRIPT REQUEST by Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh for dates of n/a. Proceedings Transcribed: n/a. Court Reporter: n/a (Walton, Benjamin) (Entered: 06/08/2021)
06/09/2021	135	Opposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>OBJECTIONS TO BILL OF COSTS AND MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS FEES</i> by Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order)(Walton, Benjamin) (Entered: 06/09/2021)
06/14/2021	136	USCA Appeal Fees received \$ 505 receipt number 100040056 re Notice of Appeal, filed by Rod Welsh, Greg Abbott (jv2) (Entered: 06/14/2021)
06/16/2021	137	BRIEF regarding 135 Opposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File OBJECTIONS TO BILL OF COSTS AND MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS FEES by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 06/16/2021)

06/17/2021	138	BRIEF regarding 135 Opposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>OBJECTIONS TO BILL OF COSTS AND MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS FEES</i> by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 06/17/2021)
06/18/2021	139	MOTION for Attorney Fees by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Prevailing Party Fee Summary, # 2 Affidavit Declaration of Richard L. Bolton, # 3 Affidavit Declaration of Samuel Grover, # 4 Affidavit Declaration of Patrick C. Elliott, # 5 Affidavit Declaration of Daniel H. Byrne, # 6 Exhibit Docket Report)(Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 06/18/2021)
06/21/2021	140	NOTICE of Attorney Appearance by Todd A. Dickerson on behalf of Greg Abbott, Rod Welsh. Attorney Todd A. Dickerson added to party Greg Abbott (pty:dft), Attorney Todd A. Dickerson added to party Rod Welsh(pty:dft) (Dickerson, Todd) (Entered: 06/21/2021)
06/22/2021	141	ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND DISMISSING IN PART Defendants' Opposed 135 Motion for Extension of Time to File Objections to Bill of Costs and Motion for Attorney's Fees; DISMISSING without Prejudice Plaintiff's 139 Motion for Attorney Fees. Signed by Judge Lee Yeakel. (jv2) (Entered: 06/22/2021)
06/29/2021		Certification of the Electronic Record on Appeal has been accepted by the 5th Circuit re Notice of Appeal, USCA 21-50469. Attorneys are advised that they may now download the EROA from the Fifth Circuit CM/ECF site by following these instructions <a href="here">here</a> (jv2) (Entered: 06/29/2021)
02/22/2023	142	Certified copy of USCA JUDGMENT/MANDATE and OPINION. IT IS ORDERD AND ADJUDGED that the judgment of the District Court is VACATED AND REMANDED to the District Court for further proceedings. (jv2) (Entered: 02/27/2023)
02/28/2023	143	ORDER SETTING Status Conference After Remand. Hearing set for 3/9/2023 at 09:30 AM before Judge Lee Yeakel. Signed by Judge Lee Yeakel. (jv2) (Entered: 02/28/2023)
03/03/2023	144	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Supplement Plaintiff's Motion for Attorneys' Fees by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 03/03/2023)
03/03/2023	145	DEFICIENCY NOTICE: re <u>144</u> Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Supplement Plaintiff's Motion for Attorneys' Fees</i> (jv2) (Entered: 03/03/2023)
03/06/2023	146	Proposed Order to 144 Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Supplement Plaintiff's Motion for Attorneys' Fees by Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc (Bolton, Rich) (Entered: 03/06/2023)
03/07/2023	147	ORDER GRANTING 144 Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to Supplement Plaintiff's Motion for Attorneys' Fees. Signed by Judge Lee Yeakel. (jv2) (Entered: 03/07/2023)